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BROADDUS INSTITUTE.

Broaddus Institute, aside from the water problem, is the all-absorbing topic, and it is not confined to Clarksburg. It is a question that affects one of the leading and most influential religious denominations of this state—the Baptists of West Virginia of which there are many thousands.

The career of Broaddus has been checkered. It has had its ups and downs—mostly downs lately. Established by a conscientious man, who struggled along the best he could, it attained a position of prominence and succeeded in attracting the attention of not only the Baptists of this state but others as well. He died and others succeeded to the control. The institution went along and prospered at times. Local influences finally brought on a crisis and the school was on the verge of ruin. Baptists all over the state were appealed to and the highest authorities were called upon. They were willing under certain conditions to come to the rescue, but under other circumstances they refused absolutely to have anything to do with it.

Finally, three associations in this section of the state were induced to put it on its feet, but a fatal mistake was made even then, if it is true that life-insurance has been borrowed upon officials.

State Baptists meet the appeal to come to the rescue with the plea that the school is not under the control or jurisdiction of the General Association of this state, and that the highest authoritative body of the denomination in this state has nothing to do with it and does not stand sponsor for it. Members of the General Association say they are powerless to interfere or interfere.

Under such circumstances and because of the fact that another crisis has been reached in the history of the school it seems advisable that heroic measures should be taken. That the resignation of the principal in the midst of the school year has brought demoralization there is no doubt. That the usefulness of the school has been impaired for the year and that the work will be badly handicapped the remainder of the year, notwithstanding the earnest and indefatigable efforts of the acting principal, Rev. L. B. Moore, can not be denied successfully. The enrollment has greatly fallen off since Dr. Swartz severed his connection with the school and there is no one to work up that amount of interest he did so admirably. The result is plain to be seen that the school will have another uphill job of it.

Still another feature is that the West Virginia Baptist Education Society recognizes the school and pays partly for the tuition and so forth for some who seek to enter the ministry. From this source the trouble partly sprang with influence behind it that brought on the present lamentable situation. The society owes it to itself to thoroughly investigate this, and, if it finds that mischief has been done, it will do well to make its contributions to Baptist schools free from such influences. At any rate, the society has become involved in the present situation because of the acts of some of its beneficiaries and a thorough investigation should be made by it.

Prominent Baptists contend that if Broaddus is to continue under the name of a Baptist institution it should be placed under the control of the General Association, which is a state organization and which represents all of the

Baptists of the state, just like the West Virginia university is, whose board of trustees is under the control of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist denomination. In order to do this the elimination of some present influences, and a reorganization will be necessary. The subject of reorganization is worthy of the attention of the Baptist paper of this state and the General Association at its next annual meeting, and, for the benefit of the Baptist education in West Virginia, it is sincerely hoped that the matter will be taken up in earnest and that definite and effective action will be taken.

THE WATER PROBLEM.

It is believed by the fair and open discussion of the water works question, which the council stated at the time it took preliminary action on the proposition to buy the system, will result in good. Every citizen has the right to express himself whether it be on the street corner or through the newspaper, and that advancement of ideas ought to bring about sufficient value by way of suggestion as to be beneficial in the final disposition not only of Blizard's proposition but also in solving the present problem. It is true that some are so zealous in advocating and spreading their views on this question that they willfully misrepresent things and go so far as to question the integrity of the very men who have given their most earnest labors the past several months to supply the people of Clarksburg with water. They have done their best, in fact, done every thing but have the weather man to send rain, and they would gladly do every thing but have the weather man. There is no reason to talk intemperately on this important question or make false charges. The thing to do is to discuss it purely from the standpoint of plenty of water, pure water and the way it will benefit the people most.

ACT FOR THE BEST.

A very important feature of the water problem is to get water and pure water at that. Hygienic conditions both within the houses and without would be much improved, if pure water can be obtained. Another reason why water should be plentiful is to protect ourselves against the extortions of insurance companies or rather the increased rates they are compelled to charge on account of the great risk brought about by the water conditions of the past few years. It is not enough to say that the present system is all right or that a few thousand dollars will remedy the matter. We will still have the same situation as to insurance. We have had it a year or so although there seemed to be plenty of water. What is best for Clarksburg is the great question, and that should govern every man in making up his mind of this great question. The matter is one of great moment. All prejudice should be laid aside. Faultfinding should not govern any one. The past can not be helped. It is the present and future that we must look after. Water, money and permanency are things to be considered.

THE MONEY FOR WATER WORKS.

The financial feature of the water works problem is one that concerns our people most just now, although some lay stress on municipal ownership. The suggestions of the writer on that subject in this issue are worthy of consideration. He believes in the city owning its water works, but he goes farther. He thinks the city should also own an electric light plant and shows how cheaply it could be operated. In this he suggests a source of revenue with but little expenditure. Municipal ownership, he thinks should apply as much to one as the other.

The agitation is bound to have wholesome effect and it may be that it will result not only in the installation of a complete and up-to-date system so far as the water works are concerned, but also municipal ownership of all public utilities of whatever kind and nature.

A new word has entered into the already large and expressive vocabulary of newspapermen. In the future when a person is languid, robbed, sluggish, emaciated, diseased, soaked or flim-flammed the epithet "chadwicked" will refer to his having been "chadwicked."

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Now that we have no politics to bother our heads with let us buckle down and see that the children all have a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

MODEL OF COAL PLANT

Of the Fairmont Coal Company At the World's Fair Has Been Purchased By the U. S. Government.

In all probability every West Virginian who was at the World's Fair viewed the exhibit of the Fairmont Coal Company in the mining and metallurgy building. The exhibit covered a large part of the hall, but the thing in particular which interested most people was the exact representation on a small scale, of one of the Fairmont Coal Company's mines. The mining exhibit showed a complete coal mine, derrick, elevators, washing apparatus, coke ovens and all the necessary equipment to the successful operation of a plant. The exhibit cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 and attracted much attention.

The United States Government deemed the exhibit of sufficient importance and of such excellence that it made a proposition to the coal company's officials to take the exhibit and place it in an institution to be erected in the capital. The exhibit is now in charge of the government and has passed entirely out of the hands of the coal company.

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Has Made a Deal With Glass Workers at Northview For Flour and Apples. Has Made Good Record.

Constable Marcellus McClung, of Northview, manager of the McClung store at that place, is quite busy these days with the wholesale houses as he has made a deal for flour and apples with the glassworkers of Northview.

Mr. McClung, as manager of the store has made a success of the business for the last three years and today has the finest trade in the county. He has served the people as constable for the past four years and was elected for four years more, coming out of Coal district with 499 majority. He was also appointed postmaster at Northview, but resigned in July. He has received a card from the post office department commending him and his prompt returns and Mr. McClung will turn over his post office stock to the postmaster at Clarksburg December 21. Then you will see our friendly constable on our streets as days of yore, good and kind to all. Success to our old Republican friend.

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